

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

PART 465  
FISHING SHANTIES

**324.46501 Definitions.**

Sec. 46501. As used in this part:

(a) "Fishing shanty" means a fishing house or any other structure or shelter placed on the ice on the waters over which this state has jurisdiction.

(b) "Local unit of government" means a county, city, township, village, or other governmental unit. Local unit of government does not include the state.

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**324.46502 Fishing shanty; affixing name and address of owner.**

Sec. 46502. (1) A person shall not set, place, erect, or cause to be set, placed, or erected, or use a fishing shanty at any time upon the ice in waters over which the state has jurisdiction, unless the name and address of the owner is affixed to each side of the outside of the fishing shanty in legible letters not less than 2 inches in height. The letters shall be readily visible and consist of materials that are not soluble in water.

(2) Placing the owner's name and address on a piece of wood, plastic, or other material and affixing that piece of material to the fishing shanty is not compliance with this section.

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**324.46503 Fishing shanties; Upper Peninsula; removal; conditions.**

Sec. 46503. A person who sets, places, erects, or causes to be set, placed, or erected a fishing shanty upon the ice of any waters of counties located within the Upper Peninsula, or the waters of the Great Lakes adjacent to the Upper Peninsula, shall remove the fishing shanty before ice conditions are unsafe for its removal. However, except as provided in section 46506, the fishing shanty shall not remain on the ice beyond 12 midnight, March 31, of any year.

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**324.46504 Fishing shanties; certain counties; removal; conditions.**

Sec. 46504. A person who sets, places, erects, or causes to be set, placed, or erected a fishing shanty upon the ice of any water in Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Midland, or Bay counties, or those waters of the Great Lakes adjacent to the counties listed in this section, shall remove the fishing shanty before ice conditions are unsafe for its removal. However, except as provided in section 46506, the fishing shanty shall not remain on the ice beyond 12 midnight, March 15, of any year.

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**324.46505 Fishing shanties; other counties; removal; conditions.**

Sec. 46505. A person who sets, places, erects, or causes to be set, placed, or erected a fishing shanty upon the ice of water in any of the counties of this state not listed in section 46504, and those waters of the Great Lakes adjacent to these counties, except as provided in section 46507, shall remove a fishing shanty before ice conditions are unsafe for its removal. However, except as provided in section 46506, the fishing shanty shall not remain on the ice beyond 12 midnight, March 1, of any year.

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**324.46506 Fishing shanty; use and placement after certain dates.**

Sec. 46506. After the dates listed in sections 46503, 46504, and 46505, a person may place and use a fishing shanty for the purposes of fishing if the fishing shanty is removed from the ice at the conclusion of each day's fishing activity.

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**324.46507 Fishing shanties; Lake St. Clair; removal; conditions; violation.**

Sec. 46507. A person who sets, places, erects, or causes to be set, placed, or erected any fishing shanty upon the ice of lake St. Clair within the jurisdiction of this state shall remove the fishing shanty before ice conditions are unsafe for its removal or before sundown on the first Sunday after February 20 and on a daily basis following that date. Failure to remove a fishing shanty within the time specified in this section is a violation of this part, and the department or the local unit of government may then authorize the removal and storage or destruction of the fishing shanty.

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**324.46508 Ordinance, rule, or regulation of local unit of government; effect.**

Sec. 46508. A local unit of government shall not pass an ordinance, rule, or regulation regulating the placement, use, marking, or removal of a fishing shanty on the ice of any waters over which this state has jurisdiction. An ordinance, rule, or regulation described in this section that is in effect on April 1, 1994 is void. However, if a person fails to remove a fishing shanty within the time specified in sections 46503, 46504, and 46505, a local unit of government may remove the fishing shanty from the ice or water and store or destroy the fishing shanty.

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**324.46509 Violation as misdemeanor; penalty; reimbursement to governmental entity.**

Sec. 46509. (1) A person who violates this part is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or a fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$500.00, or both, and costs of prosecution.

(2) Upon conviction for the violation of this part, the court shall order the defendant to reimburse the governmental entity that removes or provides for the removal of the fishing shanty from the water or ice an amount equal to 3 times the cost of removal.

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